New Roles for Social Marketing

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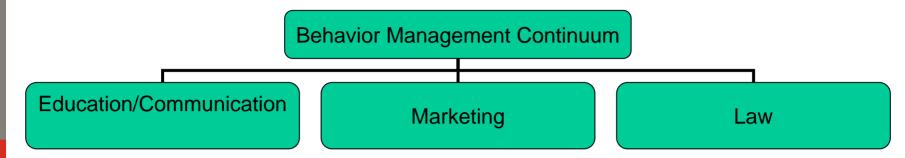


Five propositions:

- 1. Marketing is a viable population-based behavior management strategy.
- 2. Marketing can be used to promote beneficial changes in the built environment.
- 3. Successful marketing programs change the environment for members of the target market.
- 4. Successful marketing of <u>evidence-based approaches</u> to obesity reduction and physical activity promotion can change our "obesigenic" environment in important ways.
- 5. To successfully market evidence-based approaches to obesity reduction, we must identify their benefits and costs as perceived by target markets and potential distributors, and use those insights to create effective distribution channels.

1. Marketing is a viable population-based behavior management strategy.

Behavior management continuum



• Education/Communication:

 Activities that change the <u>information environment</u> for the purpose of informing people or organizations about options they currently have.

• Marketing:

 Activities that change the <u>marketplace environment</u> for the purpose of providing people or organizations with new options (that are intended to be more attractive than their current options).

• Law (Advocacy):

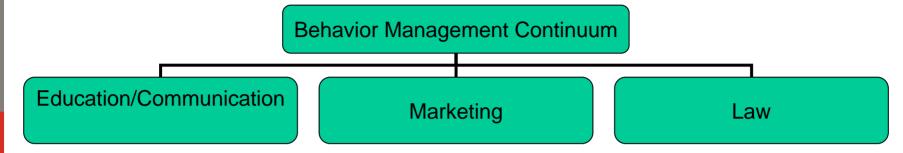
Activities that change -- or are intended to change -- the <u>legal or regulatory</u> environment for the purpose of providing incentives for, or mandating, certain options and/or disincentives for, or prohibiting, other options.

(Adapted from M. Rothschild, 1999, Journal of Marketing)

Marketing seeks to elicit the desired behavior through mutual fulfillment of self-interest.

- The marketing organization (and its partners) can use its resources to understand the perceived interests of target market members, and to develop and deliver offers to them that are both consistent with its objectives and competitive in the marketplace.
- In turn, target market members will expend their resources to obtain your offer when it provides them with a clear advantage over the other offers available to them.

Policy can be used to create programs at any point along the continuum



• Education/Communication examples:

- Public policy: nutrition labels
- Organizational policy: point of purchase signs in the cafeteria

• Marketing examples:

- Public policy: nutritious <u>and</u> tasty school lunch options
- Organizational policy: nutritious <u>and</u> tasty cafeteria options

Law-based examples:

- Public policy: subsidies for fruits and vegetables in schools
- Organizational policy: subsidies for F&Vs in cafeteria

2. Marketing can be used to promote beneficial changes in the built environment.

Doing so requires....

... Understanding the competition

- What are the viable competing offers?
 - ➤ e.g., housing, transportation, community design, building design, leisure activities
- How do "consumers" perceive the benefits and costs associated with each?
- How are "consumers" reconciling the benefits vs. the costs associated with their current choice?
- How are critical intermediaries defining and advancing their self-interest through these options?
 - e.g., developers, real estate agents, zoning officials, building owners

...Understanding potential target markets

- What benefits and costs do consumers associate or might they be willing to associate -- with the offers that we wish to make (e.g., mixed-use developments, sidewalks, accessible stairwells)?
 - Which benefits do they value most?
 - ➤ Which costs are most important to them?
- Do the perceived benefits and costs vary in important ways across the population?
 - If so, it may be necessary to segment the population and develop different offers for various segments.

Creating and delivering a superior offer to a target market by:

- Maximizing the bundle of benefits ("Product")
- Minimizing the perceived costs ("Price")
- Building an effective distribution channel that maximizes access and convenience ("Place")
 - Every person/organization in the distribution channel must advance their self-interest through the distribution of the offer.
- Making target market members aware of the offer and its superiority to their other options ("Promotion")

Specific state & national opportunities

- Do the R in R&D -- Conduct the consumer and competitive *research* on a state and/or national scale, but in ways that can also be used to support *development* at the local level
- "Make the market" To enhance self-interest among potential distribution channel members, increase consumer (and policy maker) demand for our "products" by identifying and promoting the most important perceived benefits.
 - e.g., time savings associated with living in mixed-use developments
 - e.g., sidewalks to your child's school = quality time with your child
- "Roll back prices" -- Reduce the costs of adoption for distribution channel partners, policy makers and consumers.
 - e.g., target local zoning and ordinance officials with updated "model" regulatory language
 - e.g., neutralize community opposition

3. Successful marketing programs change the environment for members of the target market.

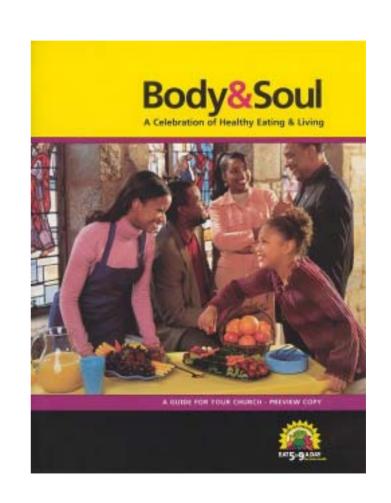
Consumer Examples

- Foods
 - Low carb offerings
 - Jenny Craig/WeightWatchers
 - Adult Happy Meals
- Physical activity
 - "Drive-by" workouts



Body&Soul changes the church environment to promote F&Vs

- B&S combines:
 - Pastoral leadership
 - Educational activities
 - Changing the church environment to support healthy eating
 - Peer counseling
- B&S is a national dissemination priority for NCI
 - It is proven to reduce dietrelated health disparities



L. A. Farmers' Markets change the environment to promote F&V

- L.A. Farmers' Markets changed their payment policies to accept Food Stamp EBT cards
 - Allows fresh F&V to be more available to the target audience
 - Provides vendors with new revenue stream



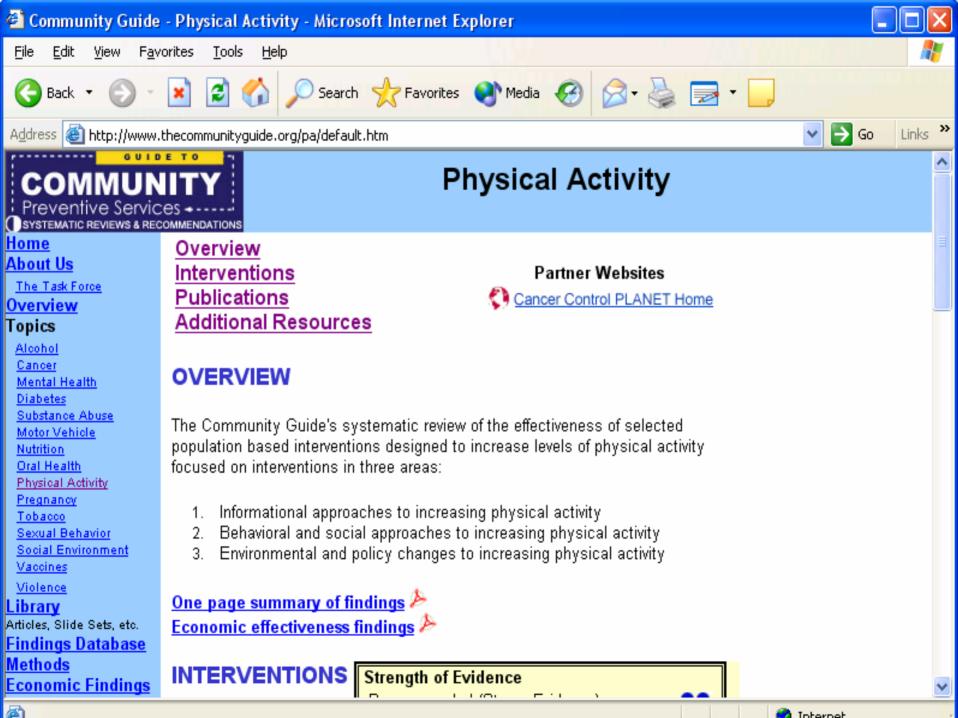


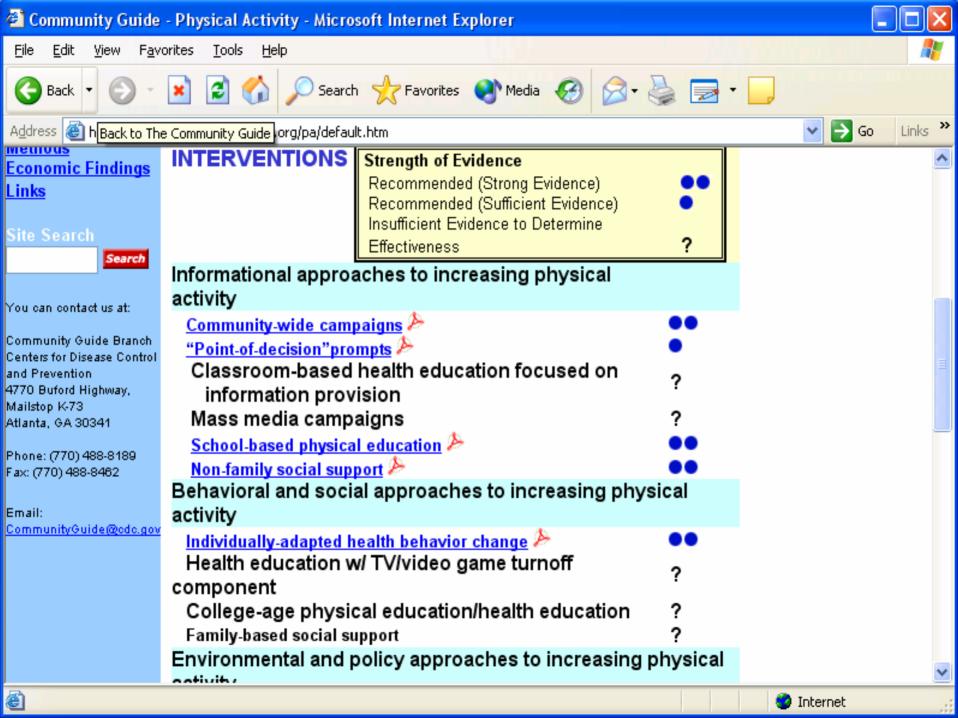
"Energy balance" marketing offers can modify the environment

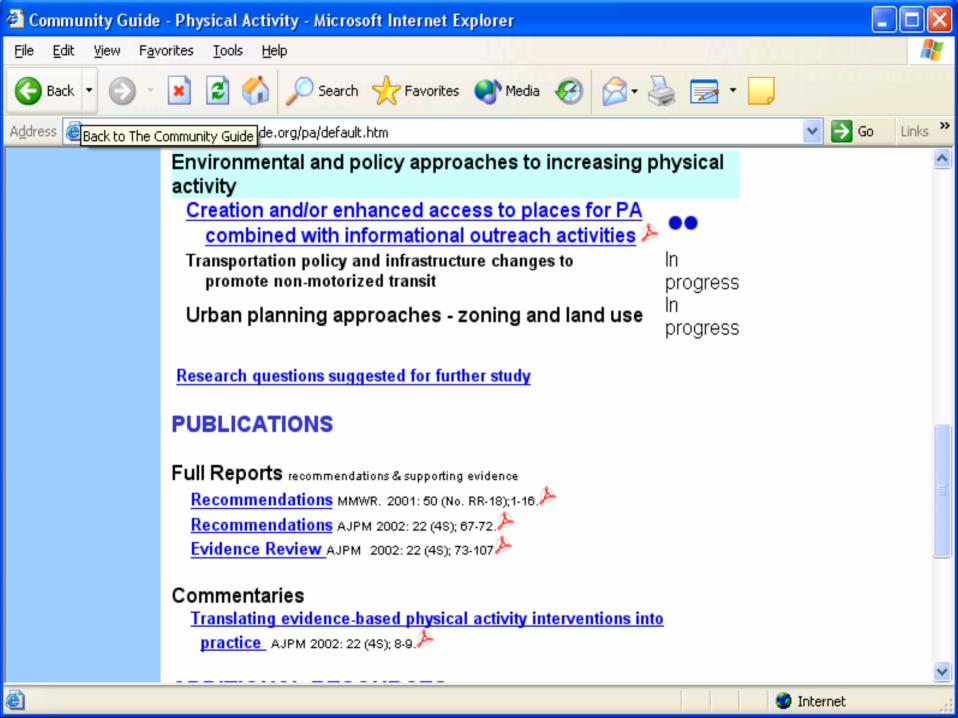
- Calorie intake side:
 - Convenient, tasty, healthy food options in:
 - stores
 - restaurants
 - schools
 - work sites
 - vending machines
 - Right-sized portions for right-sized prices
 - Price-reduced healthy food options

- Calorie output side:
 - Social opportunities
 - Walking groups
 - Training clubs
 - Attractive, affordable, convenient facilities
 - stairwells
 - Family-based PA opportunities
 - Home location
 - Neighborhood design
 - Bike racks on buses and in buildings

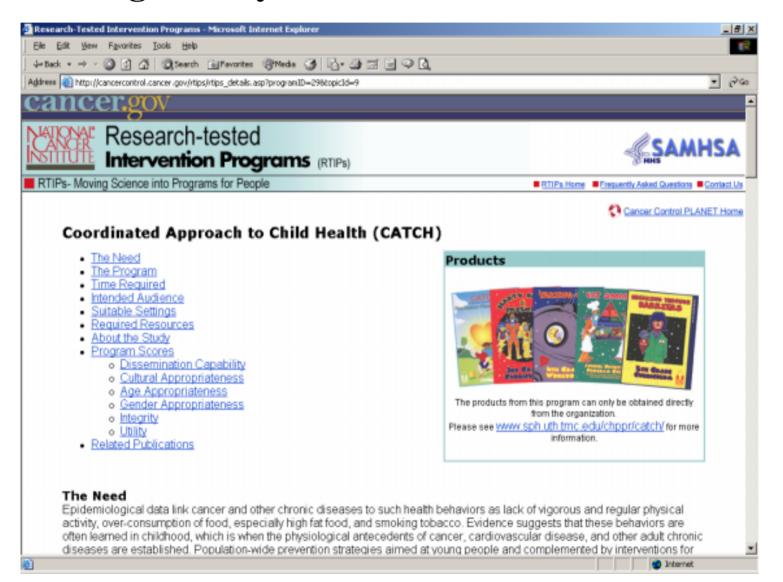
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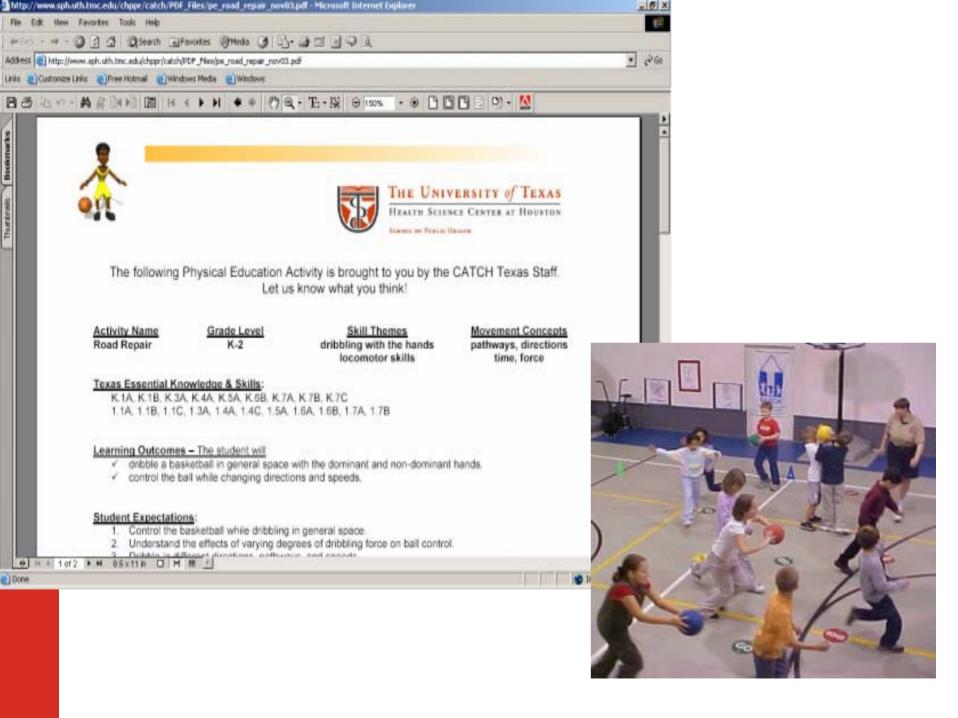






CATCH: An evidence-based program for creating healthy children and environments

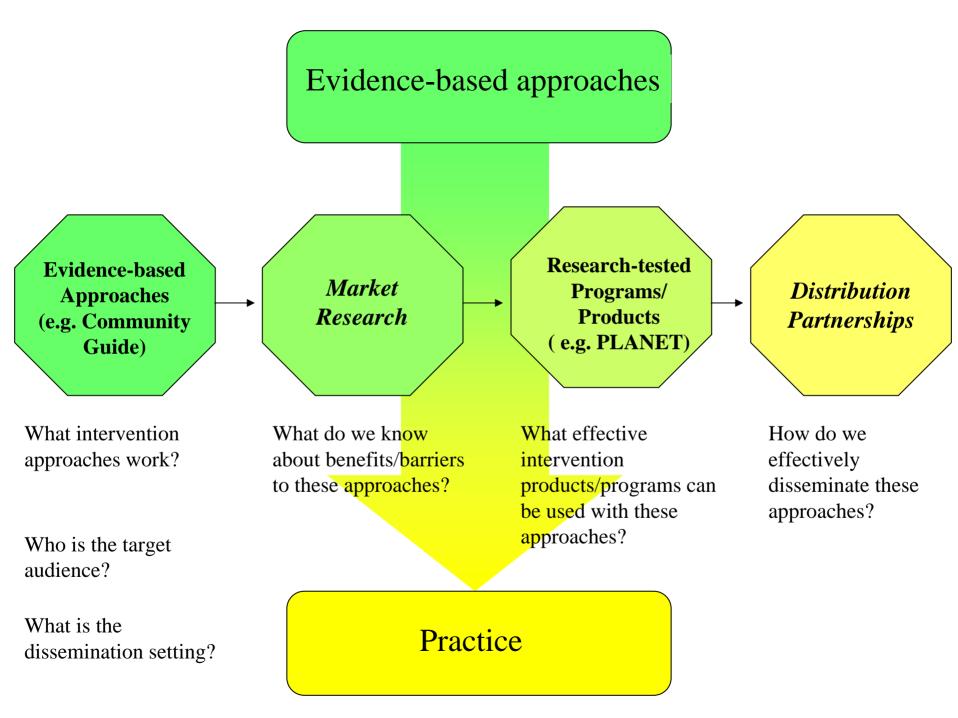




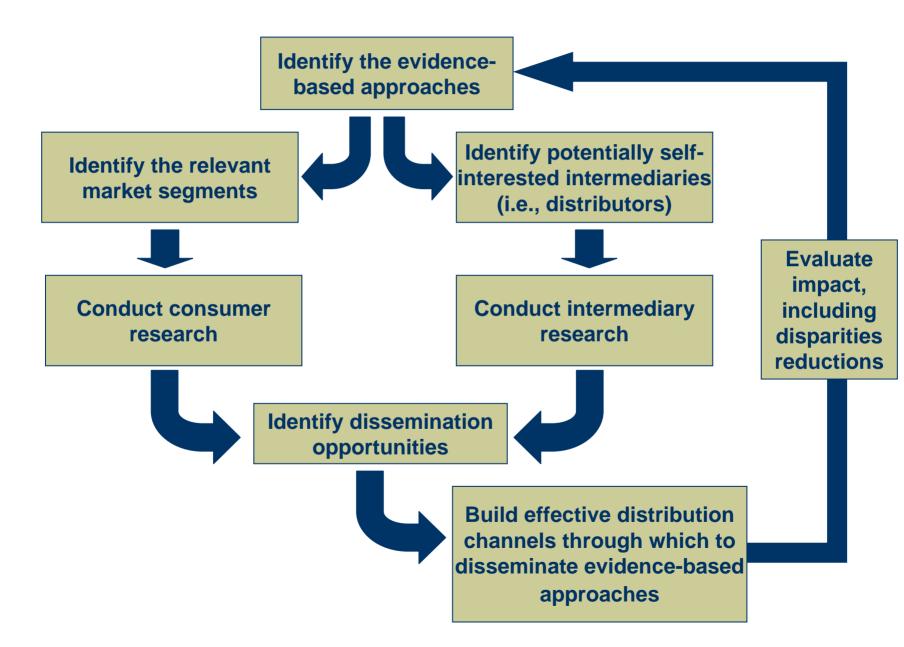
CATCH Dissemination results

- Currently being used in 30 states
- Adopted by 1400+ schools in Texas
 - % of class time spent in physical activity increased from 35% to 55.1%
 - 82% of CATCH nutritional guidelines implemented in schools

5. To successfully market evidence-based approaches to obesity reduction, we must identify their benefits and costs as perceived by target markets and potential distributors, and use those insights to create effective distribution channels.



Disseminating Evidence-Based Energy Balance Interventions: A Framework for Putting Science into Action



Building Distribution Channels for Evidence-based Energy Balance Interventions



Conclusions:

- 1. Marketing is a promising population-based behavior management strategy for intervening on obesity at the individual-level and the environmental-level.
- 2. Marketing changes the environment for better or worse thus we need to harness its ability to change the built environment for the better.
- 3. We have important opportunities to market evidence-based approaches to obesity reduction and physical activity promotion thereby modifying our "obesigenic" environment but harvesting these opportunities will require us to effectively advance the perceived self-interest of potential distributors, and target market members .